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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRD EAGR JA

SUBJ: JAPANESE LOG IMPORTS

REF TOKYO 3611 ; TOKYO 3448

SUMMARY: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY ( MAF) RELEASED WHITE PAPER ON FORESTRY. DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT WHITE PAPER CRITICIZED TRADING COMPANIES FOR HOARDING. END SUMMARY.

1. MAF RECENTLY RELEASED ITS WHITE PAPER ON FORESTRY, COVERING 1972 RESULTS AND 1973 POLICIES. IN RELATED PRESS COVERAGE, MAINICHI DAILY NEWS ( ENGLISH EDITION) CARRIED STORY APRIL 4, 1973 HEADINED QTE FIRMS HIT FOR HOARDING LOGS UNQTE. ARTICLE SAID QTE MAF MINISTER SAKURAUCHI SHARPLY CRITICIZED MAJOR TRADING FIRMS FOR ALLEGED HOARDING OF IMPORTED LOGS. UNQTE. CRITICISM REPORTEDLY CONTAINED IN MAF WHITE PAPER ON FORESTRY.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF, MAF ( MR SAKAMOTO, VICE DIRECTOR, FOREST PRODUCTS DIVISION) INDICATED NO RPT NO SUCH ACTION TAKEN BY SAKURAUCHI. FURTHER, NO CRITICAL STATEMENTS RE HOARDING CONTAINED IN MAF WHITE PAPER. MAF NOTED THAT HOARDING NOT TAKING PLACE, CITED AS ONE MAJOR REASON THE LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE IN JAPAN.

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3. ON RELATED SUBJECT, EMB INQUIRED ABOUT MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY ( MITI) PLAN TO ESTABLISH QTE IMPORT STOCKPILE CORPORATION UNQTE AND EFFECT THIS CORPORATION MIGHT HAVE ON LOG IMPORTS. IN RESPONSE THAT SOVIET VESSELS HAD BEEN CATCHING SHRIMP OFF PAKISTAN COAST ( WHICH PAKISTAN HAD CITED AS

MAJOR REASON FOR DECLARING EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE), CLAIMING THAT SOVIET FISHING FLEET UNINTERESTED IN SHRIMP SINCE " RUSSIAN PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE SHRIMP". SOBER

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